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### 2018 Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses

TOPEKA, Kan. - The Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL), in conjunction with the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) released its 2018 nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses data through the Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses. The survey estimates annual counts and incident rates of nonfatal workplace injuries and illnesses of Kansas employees as well as case circumstances and workers characteristics for cases that involve days away from work.

“The survey is a vital statistical tool for collecting data that provides insight on how occupational injuries and illnesses occur,” according to Jennifer Duncan, Research Analyst for KDOL’s Labor Market Information Services (LMIS) unit. “We appreciate the employers’ cooperation in providing complete and timely data.”

Some statistics include:

- Nonfatal workplace injuries and illnesses among private industry employers in Kansas had a rate of 3.1 cases per 100 equivalent full-time workers. This compares to the national number for 2018 at 2.8 cases per 100 equivalent full-time workers.
- Workers in private industries reported an estimated 29,200 nonfatal workplace injuries and illnesses in Kansas in 2018 which increased from 28,200 cases in 2017.

Other private industry findings:

- Within the goods producing industry group, the construction sector incident rate increased from 3.0 injury and illness cases per 100 full-time workers in 2017 to 3.2 cases in 2018.
- Kansas had a total of 8,260 cases involving injuries and/or illnesses that required days away from work. The median number of days away from work was five days and 21.4 percent of these cases involved 31 or more days away from work.
- Tuesday recorded the most cases involving days away from work with 1,650 cases. Wednesday came in second with 1,610 cases.
- Men accounted for 63.7 percent of all days away from work cases in Kansas.
- Workers aged 45-54 accounted for the highest percentage of cases with days away from work at 26.3 percent of the total, followed by the age group of 55-64 with 19.1 percent.

For more information regarding this survey, please visit [www.bls.gov/iif](http://www.bls.gov/iif). You may also visit the LMIS web site at <https://klic.dol.ks.gov/gsipub/index.asp?docid=777>

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